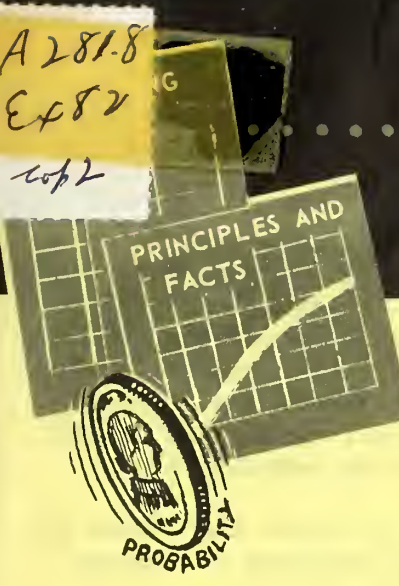


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Dear Farm Management Extension Workers:

Every year we resolve to do a better job in getting out "News and Views." At a meeting last week of the four of us who now make up the farm management staff of FES, we decided again to make these newsletters shorter, get them out more often, concentrate on a few key items, and keep them informal and conversational. With these objectives clearly in mind, here is our first issue of News and Views for 1963.

ED JOHNSON RETIRES

The appeal of personal hobbies, a farm to supervise, and a home community in which to live became too strong for Ed to resist any longer. Ed retired in December and he and Mrs. Johnson are now located in a new home adjoining Ed's farm at River Falls, Wisconsin, where he can look after the business and enjoy retirement at the same time. In a letter that just came in Ed says "... It's hard to realize that two months have gone by since I left USDA ... there has been no time to look back ... I could use some help to split wood We read about the tough winter you are having along the East Coast ... makes us like this part of the country best of all ...". If we want to see Ed soon it sounds like we will have to go West.

INCOME TAX - IN RETROSPECT

Before Ed Johnson left in December he arranged for just about everything possible to keep the income tax materials moving to you on schedule. But, as we all know now, the distribution of these materials this year has not been a very satisfying experience, either for you, for us, or for IRS. Once you get behind the delays and errors start to multiply. Most of them were unavoidable under the circumstances. We all carried a part of the contacts during the busy holiday season, and made many a trip and telephone call to IRS. In spite of their own workload, IRS did everything possible to give us personal handling of any problem we took to them. We just hope we don't run into another season where delayed legislation makes it necessary to set new deadlines which can't be met in the time available.

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INCOME TAX - IN PROSPECT

Because the position formerly held by Ed Johnson will not be filled, we have asked L. M. Vaughan to take the responsibility of handling income tax matters, including the tax aspects of social security and the general field of tax management in the farm business. As this assignment to Larry will be in addition to serving as regional man for the Northeast, the work will be largely that which can be carried out at Federal headquarters. Some field work outside the Northeast may be possible and desirable, but will of necessity be more limited than formerly and in the nature of attendance at regional committee meetings, income tax schools, etc.

All members of the farm management staff will be available to assist the States in their respective regions with the development of educational programs concerning income tax, social security, and related farm record activities.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Ronald A. Anderson was appointed Associate Farm Management Economist in North Dakota in February of this year.

Wilmer Browning, Extension Specialist in Agricultural Economics in Kentucky, and Thomas E. Prater, Farm Management Specialist in Texas, are on study leave at North Carolina State College. They were awarded Agricultural Policy Institute scholarships.

Duane E. Erickson, formerly Extension Economist in Minnesota, was given a reappointment as Extension Specialist, Farm Management, at Urbana, Illinois, in November.

Audley E. Hileman resigned from his position as Farm Management Specialist in North Carolina in September.

Rex P. Kennedy, Texas, was promoted from Area Farm Management Specialist to Economist in Management at College Station.

George Metzler, formerly a member of the Arkansas extension farm management staff, is now Rural Civil Defense Specialist in that State.

James M. Moore was appointed Assistant Agricultural Economist in Virginia in January of this year.

O. Cecil Smith returned to duty in Georgia in January of this year, following graduate study at the University of Florida.

Paul R. Stebbins resigned from his position as Area Farm Management Specialist at Nacogdoches, Texas, in September.

Very truly yours,

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